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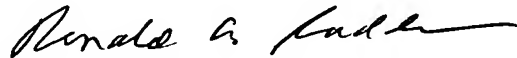
Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-18 has been canceled. Claims 19-22 were added by way of the present amendment. Support for new Claims 19-22 is found in original Claim 1 and in the Background of the Invention section which shows application of optical scanning apparatuses to laser printers, facsimile machines, and digital copiers and which discloses the use of optical scanning apparatuses for image reproductions.

Accordingly, examination on the merits of Claims 19-22 is believed to be in order. An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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